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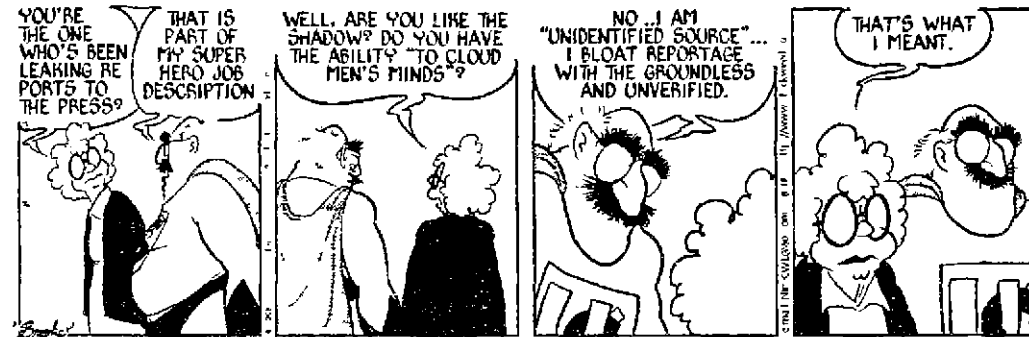
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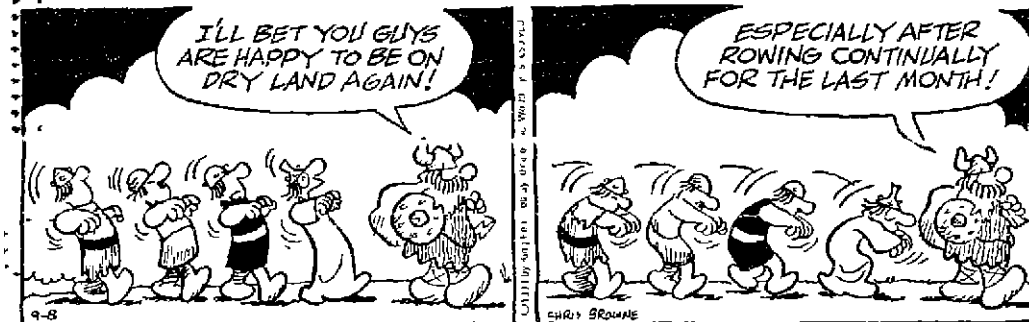
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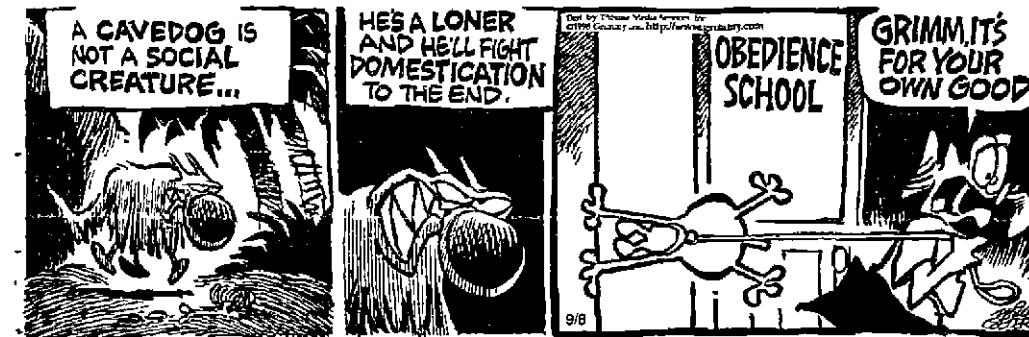
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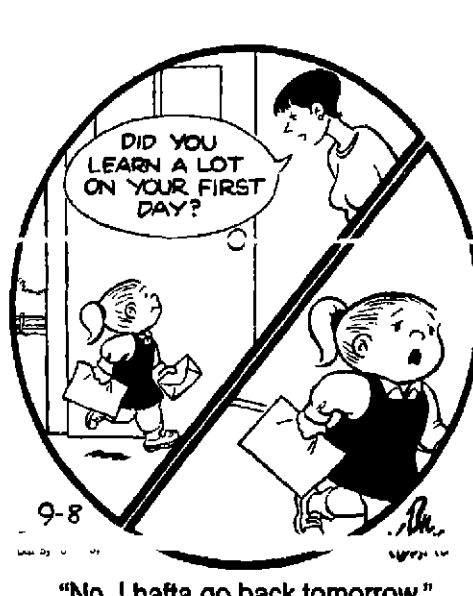
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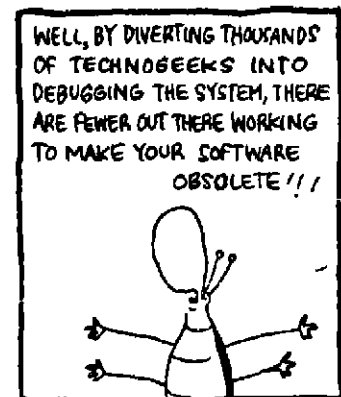
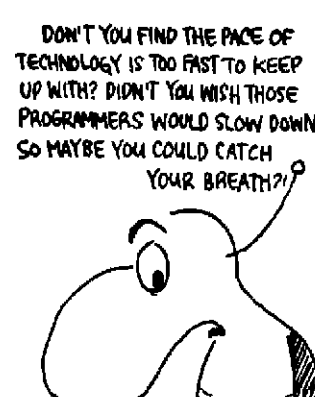
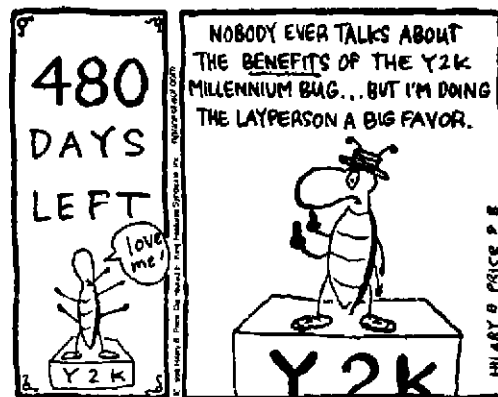
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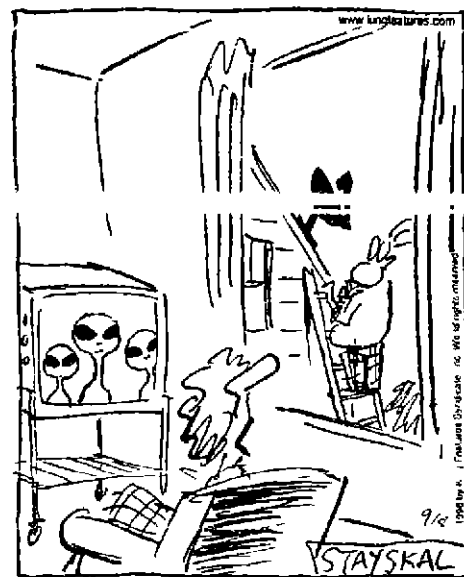
FAMILY CIRCUS



RHYMES WITH ORANGE



RALPH



Today's Birthdays

Actress **Hillary Brooke** is 84. Comedian **Sid Caesar** is 76. Country singer-songwriter **Marlan Howard** is 71. Stein is 57. Author **Ann Beattie** is 51. Musician **Will Lee** ("Late Show with David Letterman") is 46. Pop musician **David Steele** (Fine Young Cannibals) is 38. Actress **Heather Thomas** is 41. Actor **Henry Thomas** is 27. Actor **David Arquette** is 27. Actor **Jonathan Taylor Thomas** ("Home Improvement") is 17.

I NEED HELP



SCRABBLE

SCRABBLE game board with letters and words. Words include: MASH, SILENT, NIT, XOP, YORI, RIL, DATES, OFS, F, GEL, OAS, RIL, CS. PAR SCORE 155-165 by JUDD. DIRECTIONS: Make a 2 to 7 letter word from the letters in each row. Add points of each word using scoring directions at right. 7-letter words get 50-point bonus. "Blanks" used as any letter have no point value. All Judd's words are in The Official Scrabble Players Dictionary (Merriam-Webster) and OSW Official Scrabble Words (Chambers). Judd's SOLUTION TOMORROW 9-8-98. © 1998 United Feature Syndicate, Inc.

For solution, see Classified.

WORD SLEUTH

WORD SLEUTH puzzle. Search for words in the grid. Words found: INVESTIGATE, ESCALATOR, SEARCH FOR CUSTOMERS, PRY, SCAVENGE, HUNT, INVESTIGATE, PURSUE, SEEK, EXPLORE, FORAGE, FRISK, LOOK, RANSACK, RUMMAGE, PROBE. Monday's unlisted clue: ESCALATOR. Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions - forward, backward, up, down and diagonally. Tuesday's unlisted clue hint: SEARCH FOR CUSTOMERS. © 1998 King Features Inc.

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HOROSCOPE

For Wednesday, Sept. 9, 1998
ARIES (March 21 to April 19) Take serious action toward improving your financial state, and the rewards will be substantial.
TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) You look and feel your best, and others are attracted to your quiet confidence.
GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) You might feel a bit out of sorts, and your communication might be a bit disjointed or heavy.
CANCER (June 21 to July 22) You are prone to socializing and networking much more than usual. Trust yourself to speak to any audience.
LEO (July 23 to Aug. 22) Keep an even keel in the face of adversity. Remember to think twice before engaging in verbal combat.
VIRGO (Aug. 23 to Sept. 22) Use your planning skills to reward yourself for the long hours you've put in recently. Treat yourself!
LIBRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22) Give as much to others as you do to yourself, and do so graciously. Moderation in all things now will make you feel better.
SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21) Relationships will play a large and potentially harmful part in your life.
SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21) It's an excellent time to buckle down and get to work. Your boss has been patient long enough.
CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 19) You can be the tour guide. The prima donna or everybody's darling — it's all up to you.
AQUARIUS (Jan. 20 to Feb. 18) Find a balance between apathy and impatience, only the happy medium can produce positive results.
PISCES (Feb. 19 to March 20) You finally will be able to put your feelings and ideas into words. Try to make the world a better place.

ACES ON BRIDGE

ACES ON BRIDGE puzzle. By Bobby Wolff. A common bridge crime is overbidding. If an overbidder masks his crime with success, all may be forgiven. If he overbids and underplays, he earns both criticism and censure. When South opened one club and reversed to two diamonds, he promised a very fine hand — usually 17 HCP or more. Interchange his hearts and spades, and his reverse would have some justification. However, with no spade fit and with hearts of doubtful value, his reverse was a gross overbid. West led his spade queen and shifted to the spade king when the queen held. East won his king, and South had to discard. Unfortunately, he discarded a heart. East shifted to hearts. West covered South's jack, and dummy won. It was all downhill from there. The club finesse won, but when the club king didn't drop and diamonds did not split 3-3, South could manage only eight tricks. Accurate play would have camouflaged South's bidding crime. After West had overcalled one heart and led the spade queen, South should have suspected West's actual holding. On the second spade, he should discard a club, not a heart. Next he wins East's heart shift with dummy's ace and finesses twice in clubs. When his ace doesn't drop the king, he cashes the king and ace of diamonds and exits dummy with a spade. West can cash his spades but must then lead to South's K of hearts, giving South his nine winners. If one bids 'em up, he must also play 'em up!

Dealer North
The bidding
North East South West
Pass Pass 1♣ 1♥
1♠ Pass 2♦ Pass
2♥ Pass 3NT All pass
*shows values
Opening lead: Spade queen

N.Y. TIMES CROSSWORD

No. 0728

N.Y. TIMES CROSSWORD puzzle. Across: 1 Lady with a title, 6 Mirth, 10 Evil, 13 Carefree song, 14 Transport for, 15 A large part of, 16 Stock, 18 Catch, 20 Decorative, 21 Artist Max, 22 It's baked in a square, 24 Strike affairs, 26 Gentle call, 28 Juices, 31 Cronos, 36 Skylit rooms, 37 "Yes, — I", 38 Command to, 39 Stock, 43 Bingo-like, 44 Pi follower, 45 Cockeyed, 46 Sharp rebuff, 47 It lets off steam, 50 Many a Little League coach, 51 Seamstress, 53 "— kleine", 55 Village smith, 56 Antommist, 58 Meadows, 64 Stock, 67 Lighten (up), 68 Queen before, 69 Jaunty, 70 Commotion, 71 Slink, 72 Left one's seat. Down: 1 Roman emperor, 2 Birdhouse bird, 3 Magazine publisher, 4 "Cats" poet, 5 Wasn't colorfast, 6 Act service, 7 Turner, the 40 s, 8 Offensive, 9 Beach time in, 10 Rhine city, 11 Basics, 12 Truly a New Year's resolution, 13 "S Wonderful" composer, 17 Pepsi, e.g., 18 Business, 19 Mommy, 20 Kissing Santa Claus, 21 Dramatist, 22 Duties, 23 A Barrymore, 24 Gladiator's locale, 25 Cortez's quest, 26 Box (tree), 27 Where Dwight Gooden once pitched, 28 Principal, 29 buco (Italian dish), 30 79 for gold, 31 Abbr., 32 Architect, 33 Inquires, 34 Kind of terrier, 35 Chinese ideal, 36 Health facility. Answers to any three clues in this puzzle: 1-900-420-5656 (95¢ per minute). Annual subscriptions are available for the best of Sunday crosswords from the last 50 years. 1-888-7-ACROSS.